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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of you in 1992. We hope to see a revival of interest in numismatics this year. We have just returned from Florida and the FUN show. There were not as many dealers present this year as in the past but there seemed to be brisk business at the tables. There were a good many exhibits and in many different categories. The Friday night dinner at the Clarion Hotel was certainly well attended and as usual the food was plentiful and good.

We apologize to the lateness of this issue of the JOURNAL; this is no fault of the editor. NCNA is having a bit of financial difficulty due to a dealer shortage at our shows the past two years. We hope to overcome this soon.

Again I would like to remind you that this is your organization, and we need your help. So let me hear from you. Tell me about what you want and please attend your own club meetings and your NCNA Convention in Raleigh at Mission Valley Inn, October 2-4, 1992.

Autence Bason
President

1991 NCNA CONVENTION

North Carolina Numismatic Association held its 1991 convention at the Inn on the Plaza in Asheville October 11 through 13.

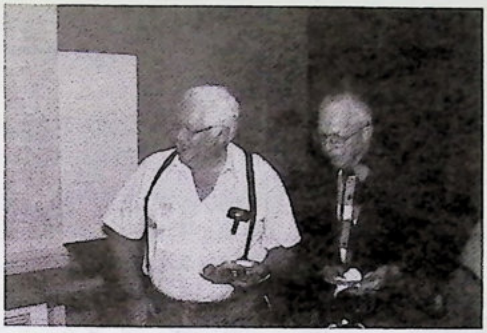
Bourse Chairman Bill Wright accepting plaque from Autence Bason

Cliff Mischler brought the Krause Publications booth and joined an expedition to a local ice cream parlor. John J. and Gehring Pittman greatly enlived the eventwith their stories.

George Decker with Geri and Ray McGuire waiting at the Saturday evening reception

The twenty-five dealers in attendence reported spotty but active business. A wide variety of material was available.

While there was no competitive judging, Autence Bason, Russ Southworth and Robert New provided a most interesting set of exhibits.



Herschel Sutton along with Ray West fueling up.

The educational program on Saturday afternoon was an interesting talk on "Twenty-five Top Cherry Picks" by David Thacker of Mars Hill. It was illustrated with a slide set prepared by CONECA The program was very well attended and brought out a lot of discussion from the audience. The very well attended annual membership meeting held afterwards was characterized by more lively discussion with several members making suggestions and offers to improve both this publication and the organization.

Will Camp, Cliff Mischler, and Jim Young in a thoughtful mood

Paul Greene was presented with the H. Fred Simpson Award as Numismatist of the Year. Darryl Loroque of Charlotte won the Jimmy Jackson award as Junior Numismatist of the year.

New officers were sworn in by John Pittman at a reception held for the dealers after the close of business on Saturday evening. The 1992 NCNA officers are:
President: Autence Bason; 1st Vice Pres: Charles Kimber
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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREENSBORO!

We would like to welcome Ray and Jerry McQuire back to North Carolina. Ray and Jerry moved to Greensboro from Princeton, West Virginia in July 1991. As many of you may remember, Ray was President of NCNA in 1974 and is life member #23.

Ray & Jerry bought Irving Park Jewelry & Coins at 1742 Battleground Ave., Greensboro, North Carolina from Paul Greene who is 2nd Vice President of NCNA and still owns and operates "A Silver Shop" in Greensboro. Ray and Jerry owned and operated Mercer Coins in Princeton, WV for three years. Prior to this they owned and operated Charlotte Gold, Inc in Charlotte NC from 1972 to 1984. Welcome back.

John J. Pittman and Canadian Customs

The following is one of the more delightful of John J. Pittman's many stories.

John was driving to Toronto to attend the Canadian Numismatic Association convention one year and taking some material to exhibit. When he stopped at the Canadian customs he was asked if he had anything to declare. John, a stickler for doing things according the to book, said "Yes,"and he was directed to pull over to the inspection bay and park. In a few minutes, an customs officer walked up. John asked him "What do you want to see?" Without hesitation, the officer replied, "I want to see your 1936 dot set." The agent was a CNA member himself, recognized John on sight and knew that he would have these coins to exhibit.

One of my own experiences with Canadian customs is almost as funny. After telling the customs agent that I was from North Carolina and vacationing. I was asked if I was carrying firearms. On being told "No" the agent asked if I owned any firearms. On being told "No" the agent shook her head in disbelief and said "You're from North Carolina and don't own a gun?" We must have some reputation with our norther neighbors. (HHC)

Jim Young and the Blank Planchettes

Jim Young once displayed a number of blank five cent planchettes for sale in his case. Nothing unusual about that; but he had them labelled "1940P", 1941D etc. When everyone got through laughing, Jim pointed out that he had taken the planchettes directly out of mint bags. He could vouch for the year and mint they had passed through without being struck.

Raleigh Coin Club and the PAGE Project

Parents in the Wake County public schools have organized a project they call PAGE, Parental Assisted Gifted Education, in which selected fourth to sixth grade students attend enrichment classes on Saturday mornings. The Raleigh Coin Club was invited to give a series of three fifty minute classes. The project was organized by Wayne Brook and talks were given by Wayne and Aaron Bass on general collecting, by Robert Izydore on grading coins, by Robert Schreiner on specialties in coin collecting, by Halbert Carmichael on world coin collecting, and by Alex Armstrong on South American and treasure coins. The students responded enthusiastically and the club has been invited back for next year.

James Hearn and the Hardness Tester

Besides being a coin collector James Hearn of Raleigh works as a quality control specialist. Out of curiosity he tried his hardness tester on some nickels. He then measured the hardness of several unstruck planchettes. He got readings of 65 for the unstruck planchette and 80 for the finished coins, verifying the fact that metal is hardened on being struck in the coin press.

Our Cover Photo
The Andrew Jackson Dollar

Bowers and Merena, Inc, at their January 1992 FUN Convention Auction in Orlando included President Andrew Jackson's personal specimen of the 1836 Gobrecht Flying Eagle silver dollar. This gorgeous proof with superb iridescent toning sold for a hammer price of $17,000.

Andrew Jackson's life touched on much of the South. There is some question about Jackson's place of birth, in northern South Carolina or southern North Carolina. Both states claim him as a native son, and North Carolina gives him the place of honor in its statue of presidents from North Carolina. The Post Office compromised by listing his birthplace as Waxhaw, NC-SC. In either case he migrated at age 21 to Nashville, Tennessee where he made his name. Jackson's presidency 1828-1836 was noted for his opposition to the National Bank.

The coin sold by Bowers & Merena is considered one of the most beautiful numismatic designs in the American series. It is the largest coin of several designs showing Gobrecht's flying eagle design, one of the most satisfactory eagles in the whole US series. The bird is supposedly modelled after Peter a semi-tame bird that lived in the Philadelphia mint for some years before he came to a tragic end in some of the machinery. Peter is preserved and on display in the mint today. The eagle is surrounded by twenty-six stars representing the states in the Union at the time of the design. The bird design, less the stars, was resurrected for a series of patterns in 1854-55 and was used on the first small cents.

The coin in the sale was struck in December 1836 and is accompanied by a note in the handwriting of Mrs. John Jackson Lawrence, President Jackson's granddaughter, which reads "One of the first dollars of the new stamp coined in Phila presented by Mr. Patterson of the mint - 1836."

Michael Hodder, who catalogued this piece, states "Not only is this an important coin by virtue of its connection with President Andrew Jackson, but it is also technically very important for the study of the sequence of striking of Gobrecht dollars. Since we know that this was one of the 1836 originals, we can test the common wisdom about reverse die alignments usually used to distinguish the 1836 from the 1837 mintage." A full dissertation on the technical features presented by this coin is included in the firm's catalogue description.

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FEBRUARY 1992

1-2 Piedmont Regional Show, American Legion Hall, Greensboro, Jim Scott, 2217 Cloister, Charlotte NC

8-9 Charlotte Stamp Show, Days Inn Woodlawn, Richard Canupp Box 240155, Charlotte NC 25224

14-16 Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Will Jordan, Box 33292, Charlotte NC 28233

21-24 Greenville Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn Rd., Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 2207 W. Parker Rd., Greenville SC 29611

MARCH 1992

7-8 Cumberland County Coin Club, Howard Johnsons, I95, Fayetteville NC. Charles Kimber, 3705 Florida Dr., Fayetteville NC 28309

14 Jacksonville Coin Club, Western Blvd Mall, Jacksonville, Charles F. Hlas, Box 1313, Jacksonville NC 28540

20-22 Tennessee State Numismatic Society Convention, Quality Inn, Chattanooga TN, Ruth Armstrong, Box 80052, Chattanooga TN 37411

21-22 Eagle Coin Club, National Guard Armory, Lexington NC, Bill Woodruff, Box 424, Lexington NC 27292

27-29 Model City Coin Club, Civic Auditorium, Kingsport TN,E. S. Stanley,3737 Hemlock Park Dr, Kingsporrt TN 37664

APRIL 1992

4-5 Piedmont Regional Show, American Legion Hall, Greensboro

10-12 Azalea Festival Coin Show, Elks Club, Wilmington NC , David Porter, Box 4234, Wilmington NC 28406

11-12 Charlotte Stamp Show, Days Inn Woodlawn, Richard Canupp

25-26 Winston-Salem Coin Club, Sprague Recration Center, Winston-Salem, Lonnie Stewart, 1940 Dacian St, Winston-Salem 27107

MAY 1992

16-17 Raleigh Coin Club, Mission Valley Inn, Raleigh NC, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

21-24 Georgia Numismatic Association, Waverly Hotel, Atlanta Ga, Jack Hancock

JUNE 1992

12-14 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC,Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

18-21 Maryland state Numismatic Association, Baltimore MD, Paul Singleton

19-21 Parker Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn Rd, Greenville Sc, Don McAllister, 2207 W. Park Rd, Greenville SC 28611

19-21 International Paper Money Show, Cook Conventiuon Center Main St, Memphis TN, Mike Crabb, Box 17871, Memphis TN 38187-0871

JULY 1992

AUGUST 1992

12-16 ANA Convention, Orlando FL

SEPTEMBER 1992

4-6 Peach State Coins Show, Waverly Hotel, Atlanta GA, Mike Griffith

11-13 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte, Ted Hendrick

11-13 Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Convention, Quality Inn, Chattanooga TN, Ruth Armstrong, Box 80052, Chattanooga TN 37411

11-13 Virginia Numismatic Association, Westpark Hotel, McLean VA

12-13 Cumberland County Coin Club, Howard Johnsons, I95, Fayetteville NC. Charles Kimber

OCTOBER 1992

2-4 **North Carolina Numismtic Association,** Mission Valley Inn, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick

30-Nov 1 South Carolina Numismatic Association, Hyatt Regency Greenville, Bill Robinson, Box 16531, Greenville SC 29602

NOVEMBER 1992

21-22 Mission Valley Inn, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick

DECEMBER 1992

5-6 Cape Fear Coin Club, Days Inn, 301 Bragg Blvd, Fayetteville, John Wills, Box 40632, Fayetteville NC 28309

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